

REMARKS

Introductory Remarks

Claim 14 has been amended as shown in the Listing of Claims section. Accordingly, claim 14 is currently pending in the application and is the only independent claim. The specification has been amended to correct certain informalities.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification. The amendment to claim 14 corrected a clerical error and the amendment to the specification was made to correct a typographical error.

In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration for the reasons discussed below.

Specification Objection

In the Office Action, the specification at page 9, line 16 was objected to because of a misspelling. The specification has been amended to correct the spelling error.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Obviousness Type Double Patenting

Claim 14 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over claims 1 and 11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,899,970; claims 1 and 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,814,765; and claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,861,151. The present application and U.S. Patent

Nos. 6,899,970; 6,814,765; and 6,861,151 are currently commonly owned and were commonly owned at the time of the present invention.

Statement of Common Ownership

Application 10/810,842 and U.S. Patent Nos. 6,899,970; 6,814,765; and 6,861,151 were, at the time the invention of Application 10/810,842 was made, owned by Touchstone Research Laboratory.

A terminal disclaimer accompanies this reply. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness type double patenting rejection of claim 14.

Extension of Time

A Petition for a three (3)-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is filed herewith extending the period for response through June 13, 2007. It is not believed that any further extensions of time are required other than those in the accompanying Petition. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicants believe that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any fees required for extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 503310.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this Reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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